



*On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me*

12 drummers drumming...

GIFT BOX DRUMS

The drummers themselves are mysteriously absent—and it's their loss. For some kindly soul has had the sense to fill these empty drums with delicious giant oatmeal cookies. What's more, the drums are efficiently formed from the empty oatmeal containers. After the oatmeal inside has been used to make cookies

for everyone on the holiday list, the canisters are cut in half and covered in colorful fabrics trimmed with golden cords and ribbons. In the carol, the twelve drums were meant to reflect the twelve doctrines of the creed that summarizes the central beliefs of Catholicism. HOW-TO, PAGE 312.



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These colorful drums are perfect for the percussionist more interested in cookies than in rhythm. Start off with the oat containers left empty once you've made the oatmeal cookies to package within. See the Recipes section.

1. Cut each container in half using a utility knife. Measure around the circumference of a container with a tailor's tape, and measure its height. Cut a strip of heavy white paper to those dimensions. Fix the paper to the containers with spray adhesive. This paper will hide the printing on the containers. Cut disks of gold paper to cover the bottoms of the containers (in the case of the containers made from upper halves, the plastic lids serve as the bottoms), and attach them with spray adhesive. Cut a length of fabric, such as satin or silk, to the length and height of the containers. Before affixing the fabric, you need to mark off where the cords representing the zigzags will attach. Do this by dividing the length of the strip of fabric by 10 and making a small tick with a pencil at intervals measuring that amount along one long side of the strip. Along the other long side, make ticks equidistant between each pair of the first 10, to form a zigzag. Attach the fabric to the container with spray adhesive.
2. Cut a vellum disk about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch wider than the mouth of the drum. Nick the edge of the disk regularly so that the $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch overhang will fold over neatly. Fill the drum with cookies. Attach the vellum tabs down with a glue gun.
3. Carefully run your zigzag around the drum, hot gluing it at each tick mark. Cover the ends of the zigzags with ribbon edging. Give out as gifts.

